



NAME: LIEUTENANT (LT) SHANNON
CORNELL PHARM. D.

JOB TITLE: CHIEF OF PHARMACY & HIV
CONSULTANT PHARMACIST

AGENCY: FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS
(BOP)

EDUCATION/DEGREES/CERTIFICATES/INSTITUTIONS:

LT Cornell earned his Pharm.D. degree from Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 2002. After exhibiting much enthusiasm and a tireless effort to learn, he was selected by his chief officer to attend the ASCP HIV/AIDS Pharmacotherapy Traineeship in 2004, an intensely condensed and challenging training program.

CURRENT JOB DESCRIPTION:

LT Cornell serves as the Chief of Pharmacy Services at the United States Penitentiary (USP) Hazelton, the Satellite Prison Camp Hazelton. His daily duties cover a full spectrum of pharmacy services which ranges from processing prescriptions, purchasing all medications and pharmaceutical supplies, maintaining narcotic inventories, providing drug information to patients and staff, as well as drug therapy consults to other providers. He also serves as the Mid-Atlantic Region HIV Consultant Pharmacist providing tele-consultation on HIV management to 16 different BOP facilities in which he monitors and consults on the treatment of HIV comorbidities, metabolic complications, Improved healthcare outcomes and decreasing overall HIV healthcare costs.

QUALIFYING SKILLS FOR CURRENT POSITION:

LT Cornell attributes his skills to the clinical knowledge he has gained from Pharm.D. training, as well as his working at a teaching hospital for six years as an IV technician student intern, where he gained extensive IV and chemotherapy admixing experience. At Federal Medical Center (FMC) Butner, the combination of his involvement in the clinical pharmacy activities and mentoring by senior PHS officers, provided him the necessary skills he needed to eventually become a Chief pharmacist. After recognizing his enthusiasm for learning, his dedication to patient care, and active contribution to the profession of pharmacy, LT Cornell was selected for the ASCP HIV/AIDS Pharmacotherapy Traineeship at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore, MD. He states that his ASCP traineeship and his three years at FMC Butner prepared him for his current position as Chief Pharmacist at Hazelton.

REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE USPHS AS A CAREER:

LT Cornell states, "he didn't choose PHS; it was PHS that chose him." He applied for the SrCOSTEP due to financial hardship never expecting to receive the career opportunities,

extensive support system, and networking opportunities with other medical professionals outside of pharmacy. He finds extreme pride in serving his country through the PHS Commissioned Corps.

PREVIOUS USPHS ASSIGNMENTS:

LT Cornell's career with PHS began as a SrCOSTEP July 2001 while completing his final year of Pharm.D. training. His training as a SrCOSTEP provided insight to the many career opportunities PHS offered. Post graduation in 2002, he was stationed at the Federal Correctional Complex in Butner, NC where he worked as a staff pharmacist at the FMC Butner. LT Cornell became very involved with the FMC's Infectious Disease Committee. Additionally, his involvement with all local pharmacy programs for the first year after graduation, allowed him the opportunity to become the Pharmacy Preceptor Coordinator for pharmacy externships involving four different schools of pharmacy. After his second year at FMC Butner, he was then asked to assume the responsibilities of Inpatient Division Chief (IDC), overseeing and management of all inpatient pharmacy operations, supervising oncology and intravenous pharmacy operations for eight months. During LT Cornell's last eight months his 3 years at FMC Butner, he served as Acting Deputy Chief of Pharmacy Services which prepared him for his current role as Chief Pharmacist at USP Hazelton.

MOST REWARDING USPHS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

LT Cornell was deployed with Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD) on the Belcourt Pharmacy Relief Mission where he was submersed in to the Chippawa Indian community and lifestyle. The endless thanks received from this community, which is an under served population, made this a very rewarding experience. His most rewarding experience has been through the PHS volunteer Associate Recruiter Program, in which LT Cornell feels he can share his experiences and insight in to PHS with pharmacy students as to the endless possibilities as a Commissioned Corp officer. He reflects back to his PHS commissioning ceremony at his pharmacy school graduation that a certain PHS CAPT said, "the U.S. Public Health Service is the few, the proud, the invisible." He, personally, wants to make the PHS known, to every individual he encounters.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS/ACTIVITIES:

LT Cornell states that he is an active recruiter giving talks to many pharmacy schools on the east coast regarding "Career options within the USPHS." He states that it is his goal to educate the public about the Corps and its purpose to serve and protect the health of our nation.

SPECIAL NOTES OF INTEREST:

LT Cornell felt honored in attending the 2005 United States Military Academy's (USMA) graduation ceremony in uniform. He was also asked by a close friend and fourth year graduating cadet to conduct his oath of office and commissioning ceremony. In a small private ceremony among family and other graduating cadets, LT Cornell conducted this special ceremonial transition from cadet to second lieutenant in the United States Army for his comrade.

By: LT Jessica Evans